(d) if not, what action Government propose to take to tap sericulture potentials and promote silk production in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Central Silk Board had conducted a survey in Madhya Pradesh to identify potential districts to implement the World Bank and Swiss assisted National Sericulture Project. Based on the survey the District Bastar of the State had been chosen as the project area on a pilot basis.

The National Sericulture Project is presently under implementation in Bastar Distt. of the State since 1989-90. The project envisages bringing an area of 2000 acres under mulberry cultivation for production of 60 tonnes of raw silk by the end of 5 years project period. The project also envisages creation of necessary basic sericulture infrastructure in the state at a total cost of Rs. 348.57 lakhs.

Besides, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Govt. for development of sericulture in the state, the Central Silk Board has set up a number of R and D, Extension, Training and Basic Seed Production units in the State.

Global Tenders for setting up Duty free Shops at International Airports

*254. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 305 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th November, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that duty free shops being run by ITDC are on lease till 1993;

(b) whether the performance of the ITDC run shops has been good and are they also making profits;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for going in for global tenders for setting up duty free shops at International Airports; and

(d) whether the ITDC have been invited to participate in the aforesaid tenders and are they being given the same terms as ther tenderers to further increase their profitability?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The ITDC run Duty Free Shops have earned profits.

(c) Global tenders have been invited by the IAAI for the development of Shopping Plaza in Transit Areas of International Terminal Buildings at Bombay and Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. This has been done with the objective of upgrading the present shopping complex as well as to enhance the revenues of the IAAI.

(d) The tenders were global and it was open to ITDC to participate in the same. As per tender advertisement, all the parties were to submit their bids on identical terms and conditions.

Export/Import of Silk

*255. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of the export of the Indian silk during the current year upto 31st October, 1991 and how does it compare with the export for the corresponding period last year;

(b) whether Government propose to import raw silk so as to check the